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> IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

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CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., : 1Case No. 08-35653-KRH

et al.,

Debtors. : Jointly Administered

# ORDER AUTHORIZING DEBTORS TO ASSUME, ASSIGN AND SELL UNEXPIRED LEASE AND SUBLEASE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY

Upon consideration of the motion (the "Motion") of the Debtors for an order pursuant to sections 105, 363 and 365 of title 11 of the United

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rules 2002, 6004 and 6006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), for entry of an order (A) authorizing the Debtors to enter into an agreement with the Purchaser for Sale of the Debtors' Leases, subject to higher or otherwise better proposals, (B) approving the Termination Fee in connection therewith, (C) approving the Sale and Assignment of the Leases free and clear of all interests and (D) granting related relief; and the Court having entered the Order under Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363, and 365 Approving Amended Bid Deadline In Connection With Bidding And Auction Procedures For Sale Of Unexpired Nonresidential Real Property Leases (the "Modified Lease Procedures Order"), which granted the Debtors additional time to market the Leases (as defined herein) beyond the March 31, 2009 automatic rejection date established in the Lease Procedures Order and authorized the Debtors to establish new bid deadlines and auction dates for the Lease; and upon the record of the hearing held on June 9, 2009 (the "Sale Hearing"); and after due deliberation thereon, and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

## IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:2

- A. The Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine the Motion and to grant the relief requested in the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(1) and 1334(b).
- B. Venue of these cases and the Motion in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).
- C. The statutory predicates for the relief requested in the Motion are Bankruptcy Code sections 105, 363, and 365 and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, and 9014.
- D. The notice of the Motion and the Sale Hearing given by the Debtors constitutes due and sufficient notice thereof.
- E. The Bidding Procedures are reasonable and appropriate and represent the best method for maximizing the realizable value of the Lease.

Findings of fact shall be construed as conclusions of law and conclusions of law shall be construed as findings of fact when appropriate. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7052.

- heard regarding the relief in this Order has been afforded to all interested persons and entities, including Simon Property Group (Illinois) LP as landlord (the "Landlord") for the ground lease related to store number 3125 located at 340 West Army Trail Road in Bloomingdale, Illinois (together with any and all related lease documents and subleases associated therewith, the "Lease") and Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. (the "Sublessee"), under the sublease (together with any and all related sublease documents and sub-subleases associated therewith, if any, the "Sublease" and together with the Lease, the "Leases").
- G. The Debtors and their professionals marketed the Leases and conducted a sale process as set forth in and in accordance with the Motion. Based upon the record of these proceedings, all creditors and other parties in interest and all prospective purchasers have been afforded a reasonable and fair opportunity to bid for the Leases.
- H. After reviewing the proposal of the Assignee (as defined herein), the Debtors determined in

their business judgment, that the highest and best offer was that of the Assignee.

- I. The Assignment Agreement (as defined herein) and the sale of the Leases was negotiated and has been and is undertaken by the Debtors and the Assignee at arms' length without collusion or fraud, and in good faith within the meaning of Sections 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. As a result of the foregoing, the Debtors and the Assignee are entitled to the protections of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- J. Neither the Debtors nor the Assignee engaged in any conduct that would cause or permit the Assignment Agreement or the consummation of the Sale to be avoided, or costs or damages to be imposed, under Section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- K. The Total Consideration (as defined herein) provided by the Assignee for the Leases is the highest and best offer received by the Debtors, and the consideration constitutes (a) reasonably equivalent value under the Bankruptcy Code and Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, (b) fair consideration under the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and (c) reasonably equivalent

value, fair consideration and fair value under any other applicable laws of the United States, any state, territory or possession, or the District of Columbia, for the Leases.

- L. The Debtors have demonstrated good, sufficient, and sound business purpose and justification for the assumption, assignment, and sale of the Leases.
- M. The assumption, assignment, and sale of the Leases to Creative Realty Management LLC. (the "Assignee") under sections 105, 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors.
- N. Pursuant to sections 365(b)(1)(C), 365(f)

  (2)(B) and, if applicable, 365(b)(3), the Debtors and
  the Assignee have demonstrated adequate assurance of
  future performance by the Assignee under the Leases.
- O. The Cure Amount is deemed the entire cure obligation due and owing as of the date of the hearing, on the Lease under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and there is no cure obligation with respect to the Sublease.

- P. Upon the payment of the Cure Amount, there are no outstanding defaults of the Debtors and their estates under the Leases.
- Upon the assignment to the Assignee, the Ο. Leases shall be deemed valid and binding, in full force and effect in accordance with their terms, subject to the provisions of this Order and, pursuant to section 365(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors and their estates shall be relieved from any further liability thereunder, including for any breach of the Leases. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (1) the Subtenant shall not be deemed to have waived and shall be permitted to enforce its right subject to obtaining relief from the automatic stay or other injunction, to indemnification as to third party claims, whenever asserted, but only to the extent that such third party claims are covered by insurance policies maintained by the Debtors and will not subject the Debtors to any liability or defense costs or expenses, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and expenses, and (2) any party shall not be deemed to have waived any rights it may have against Landlord or its insurance carrier by reason of

any third party tort claim (collectively, the "Reserved Claims").

R. Based on the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, TIS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.
- 2. All objections with regard to the relief sought in the Motion as it pertains to the Leases, that have not been withdrawn, waived, or settled, are overruled on the merits.
- 3. Under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are authorized to assume the Leases and to assign the Leases to the Assignee, which assignment shall take place on and be effective as of the Effective Date (as defined herein).
- 4. Under Bankruptcy Code section 363, the Debtors are authorized to sell the Leases to the Assignee.
- 5. The Debtors are authorized to execute the Sale, Assumption and Assignment Agreement, in

Statements made by the Court from the bench at the hearing on the Motion shall constitute additional conclusions of law and findings of fact as appropriate.

substantially the form attached hereto as  $\underline{\text{Exhibit A}}$  (the "Assignment Agreement").

- 6. The consummation of the transactions with respect to the Leases and the Assignment Agreement shall be effective as of June 9, 2009 (the "Effective Date").
- 7. Upon the occurrence of the Effective
  Date, subject to the provisions of this Order, the
  Assignee shall succeed to the entirety of Debtors'
  rights and obligations in the Leases due, accruing,
  arising or attributable to the time period occurring on
  or after the Effective Date and shall have the rights of
  the tenant (and sublandlord) thereunder.
- 8. On the Effective Date, the Assignee shall pay to the Debtors, in cash or otherwise immediately available funds, \$175,000.00 (the "Total Consideration").
- 9. Upon the Effective Date, and subject to the provisions of Paragraph 10 below, neither the Assignee, the Debtors, nor the Debtors' estates shall have liability for cure claims of, from, or related to the Lease for any defaults or monetary obligations thereunder, except that Debtors shall be liable for the following: (a) within five (5) business days after the

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> Effective Date Debtors shall pay to the Landlord the "Undisputed Cure Amount" for the Lease, which amount totals \$147,969.30; and (b) within five (5) business days after the Effective Date, Debtors shall deposit into an escrow account with a third party agent a "Disputed Cure Amount" of [ ], which Disputed Cure Amount shall be held in escrow until the earlier of (i) the date the Debtors and the Landlord agree in writing or (ii) a final nonappealable order is entered by the Court (together, the Undisputed Cure Amount and Disputed Cure Amount shall mean and be referred to as the "Cure Amount"). For the avoidance of doubt, if the Disputed Cure Amount is \$0.00, the Debtors shall have no obligation to establish an escrow. The Debtors and the Landlord shall undertake good faith negotiations to resolve disagreements regarding the Disputed Cure Amount. Should the Debtors and the Landlord fail to reach agreement, the Court will hold an evidentiary hearing on June 23, 2009 or such earlier date as the parties may agree, subject to the Court's availability.

10. Upon the entry of this Order, (i) all defaults under the Leases through the Effective Date

shall be deemed cured, (ii) no other amounts will be owed by Debtors or their estates with respect to the Leases; provided, however, that the foregoing is without prejudice to the Landlord filing a timely administrative expense request for accrued but unbilled 2009 real property taxes or common area maintenance charges that may be due under the Lease, prorated through the period prior to the Effective Date; (iii) no amounts will be owed by the Assignee with respect to the Leases for obligations relating or attributable to the period prior to the Effective Date, (iv) except as herein specifically noted, any and all persons or entities shall be forever barred and estopped from asserting a claim against the Debtors or their estates that any additional amounts are due or defaults exist under the Leases. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall be deemed to waive the requirement of Assignee to reimburse Landlord, pursuant to the terms of the Lease, for its portion of real estate taxes and/or common area costs which accrue following the Effective Date.

11. The Assignee takes the Leases "as is."

- 12. Pursuant to section 365(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Leases, or in applicable nonbankruptcy law, that prohibits, restricts, or conditions the assignment of the Leases, the Debtors may assign the Leases to the Assignee.
- Date, subject to the provisions of this Order, the Assignee shall assume all obligations under the Leases attributable to, or arising or accruing during, the time period occurring on or after the Effective Date or related to the period subsequent to the Effective Date.
- 14. Upon the occurrence of the Effective

  Date, the Assignee shall be entitled to the protections

  of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 15. Upon the assignment authorized herein, and under section 365(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors and their estates shall have no further liability under the Leases.
- 16. Upon the assignment to the Assignee, the Leases shall be deemed valid and binding, in full force

and effect in accordance with their terms, subject to the provisions of this Order.

- 17. To the extent that any of the Debtors acts as a guarantor of the Leases (a "Debtor-Guarantor"), the Debtor-Guarantor(s) shall have no obligations with respect to the Leases after the Effective Date.
- 18. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section
  363(f), the sale and corresponding assumption and
  assignment of the Leases authorized hereunder shall be
  free and clear of all Interests, with all such Interests
  attaching only to the amount paid under the Assignment
  Agreement for the Leases and the related premises on
  which such Interests had been attached previously, in
  the same order and priority, and with the same validity
  and enforceability, as same may have had prior to the
  sale, assumption and assignment of the Leases, subject
  to any and all available defenses.
- 19. Any mechanic's lien filed against the Debtors with respect to the premises associated with the Leases is hereby released, discharged, and terminated, and the Assignee, the Landlord, and/or the Subtenant are

hereby authorized to file, register, or otherwise record a certified copy of this Order and each and every federal, state, and local governmental agency or department is hereby directed to accept a certified copy of this Order as conclusive evidence of the release, discharge, and termination of any mechanic's lien filed against the Debtors with respect to the premises associated with the Leases and shall remove such mechanic's lien from record. Any interest released, discharged and/or terminated under this paragraph shall attach solely to the amount paid under the Assignment Agreement for the Leases and the related premises on which such interest had previously attached, subject to any and all available defenses.

20. Except for the Debtors with respect to their rights under the Assignment Agreement and this Order, all parties to the Lease and Sublease, and to any other agreements relating to the Leases, other than the Assignment Agreement, are forever barred from raising or asserting against the Assignee any default or breach under, or any claim (except for those claims specifically allowed under paragraph 10) or pecuniary

loss arising under or related to the Leases or such other agreements, arising, accruing or incurred prior to the Effective Date.

- 21 Except for (i) the Debtors with respect to their rights under the Assignment Agreement and this Order and (ii) the Landlord with respect to payment of the Cure Amount and the resolution of any administrative expense request the Landlord may file as permitted by paragraph 10 of this Order, all parties to the Leases, and to any other agreements relating to the Leases, other than the Assignment Agreement, are forever barred from raising or asserting against the Debtors or their estates any default or breach under, or any claim or pecuniary loss, arising under or related to, the Leases or such other agreements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Subtenant shall not be deemed to have waived and shall be permitted to enforce its right subject to obtaining relief from the automatic stay or other injunction to the indemnification as to the Reserved Claims.
- 22. Any obligations arising under the Leases which arise, accrue, are incurred or relate to periods

on or subsequent to the Effective Date, including but not limited to any tax, utility, common area charges or insurance payments, shall be the obligation of the Assignee, and no party (including the Assignee) shall have a claim against the Debtors or their estates for such obligations.

- 23. The Landlord, the Subtenant, and any governmental agency shall accept and honor the assignment of the Leases to the Assignee in accordance with the Assignment Agreement and this Order.
- 24. The Landlord and the Sublessee shall cooperate and expeditiously execute and deliver, upon the reasonable requests of the Assignee, and shall not charge the Assignee for, any instruments, applications, consents, or other documents which may be required by any public or quasi-public authority or other party or entity, for the purpose of obtaining any permits, approvals or other necessary documents required for the alteration, installation of signage, opening and operating of the premises associated with the Leases.
- 25. The Landlord shall execute an estoppel, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B,

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in accordance with the timeline and conditions of the Lease.

- 26. The Sublessee shall execute an estoppel, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- 27. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 554, the Debtors are authorized to abandon any and all Debtor-owned improvements, furniture, fixtures, equipment, inventory and/or any other personal property ("Abandoned Property") located on the Premises, and such Abandoned Property is deemed abandoned on the Effective Date to the Assignee free and clear or all liens, claims and other interests. The Assignee may, in its sole discretion and without further notice, use, transfer or dispose of such Abandoned Property without liability to the Debtors or any third parties claiming an interest in such Abandoned Property.
- 28. This Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry and shall not be stayed pursuant to Rules 6004(h) or 6006(d).

- 29. The requirement under Local Bankruptcy
  Rule 9013-1(G) to file a memorandum of law in connection
  with the Motion is hereby waived.
- 30. To the extent that any provisions in the Assignment Agreement conflict with this Order, the Order shall govern.
- 31. The Debtors and their estates are authorized to take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to effectuate the assumption and assignment of the Leases consistent with this Order.

32. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to this Order or the assumption and assignment of the Lease and Sublease.

Dated: Richmond, Virginia
June 10, 2009
Jun 10 2009

#### /s/ Kevin Huennekens

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## CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT UNDER LOCAL RULE 9022-1(C)

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9022-1(C), I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

/s/ Douglas M. Foley
Douglas M. Foley

# EXHIBIT A

ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT\_

### EXHIBIT B

(Landlord Estoppel)

# EXHIBIT C

(Sublessee Estoppel)

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